



MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK GENERAL PLAN

PARTNERS IN PLANNING

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is kicking off a process to develop a General Plan for Malibu Creek State Park. The General Plan will define a long-term vision for the park, identify desired improvements and enhancements, and provide guidelines for protecting its unique resources. Working together with the community, resource agencies and other stakeholders, we'll be assessing the park's uses, trail system and facilities, as well as its environmental resources to ensure long-term protection of sensitive wildlife, plants, and cultural resources.

We want your input in planning the park's future! Your participation will help ensure that the plan reflects the community's ideas and suggestions for improving the park. You can start by attending the Public Planning Workshop on January 9, 2003. If you cannot attend the workshop, you may also call or write us (contact information is provided on the back page of this newsletter). We hope you will take some time to become involved in planning the future of this magnificent state park. We look forward to hearing from you!

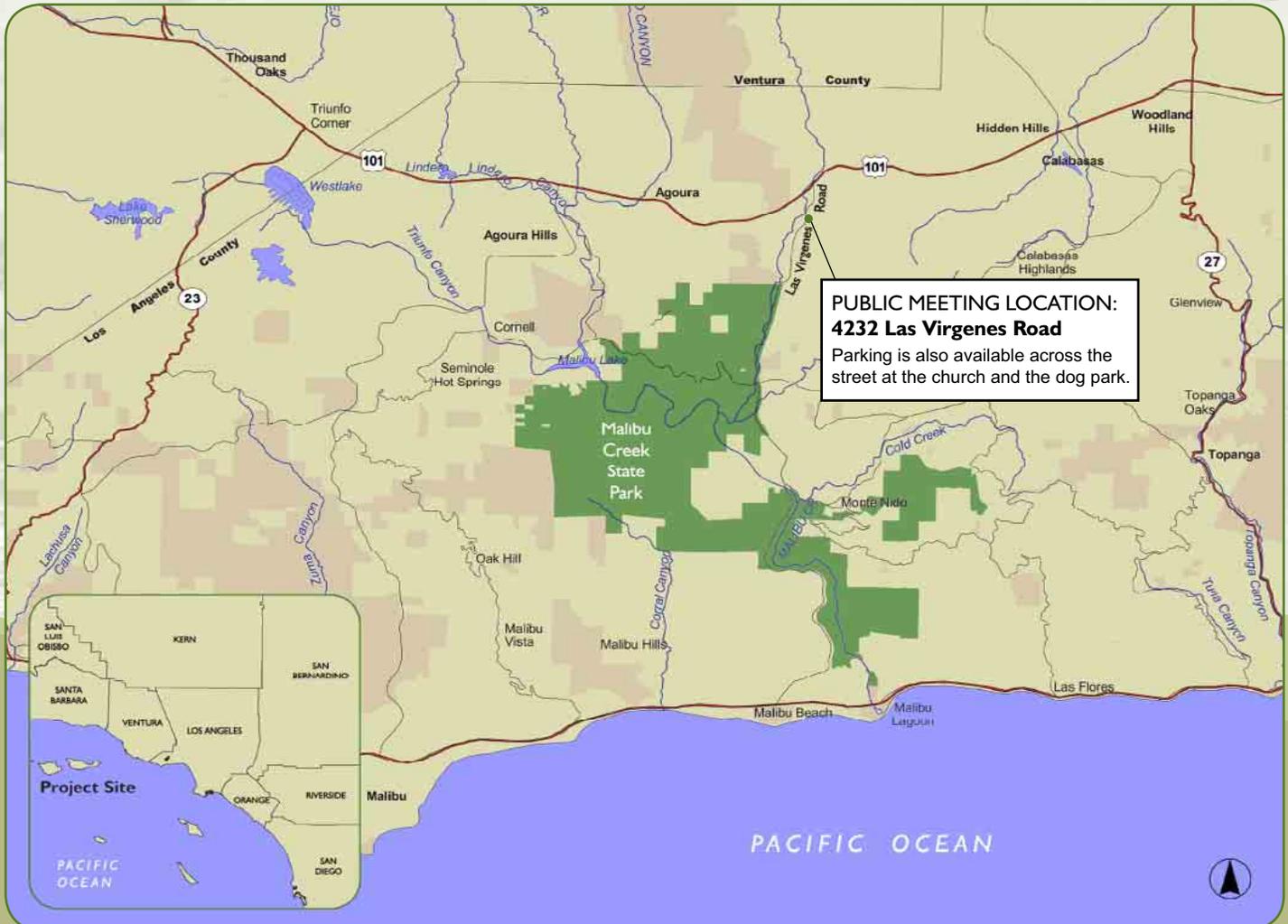
HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

Stay Informed: Updates of this newsletter will keep you informed about progress on the Malibu Creek State Park General Plan.

Attend the Public Planning Workshops: We will host three public workshops for the Malibu Creek State Park General Plan. The first workshop is scheduled on January 9, 2003, at the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Headquarters to encourage public participation early in the planning process. The workshop will provide a forum to identify creative ideas, concerns and suggestions for park enhancements. It will also serve as a scoping meeting to identify topics for consideration in the Environmental Impact Report that will be prepared along with the General Plan.

Please join us for the first Public Planning Workshop on:

Thursday, January 9, 2003, 7 pm to 9 pm
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
4232 Las Virgenes Road
Calabasas, CA 91302-1994
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Malibu Creek State Park



In 1974, the State of California purchased most of the present day Malibu Creek State Park land from 20th Century Fox. The area was designated as park land in an effort to restore and preserve the natural beauty of the area. In 1976, the park was opened to the public for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. Today, more than 4,000 acres are open to the public

for recreation and nearly 3,000 acres are set aside as natural preserves. Just 25 miles from downtown Los Angeles, Malibu Creek State Park is enjoyed by local residents and regional visitors alike. The park is located in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and is accessible via US-101 from the north and Pacific Coast Highway from the south.

MALIBU CREEK RESOURCES

Malibu Creek State Park rests in the heart of the Santa Monica Mountains - just north of Santa Monica Bay. The park's riparian corridors, open woodlands, deep canyons, and high rocky ridges are home to diverse wildlife and plant species, including mountain lions and Santa Susana tarweed. Human use of the area from early Native American tribes to modern movie studios makes the park culturally and historically significant.



Malibu Creek State Park resources include:

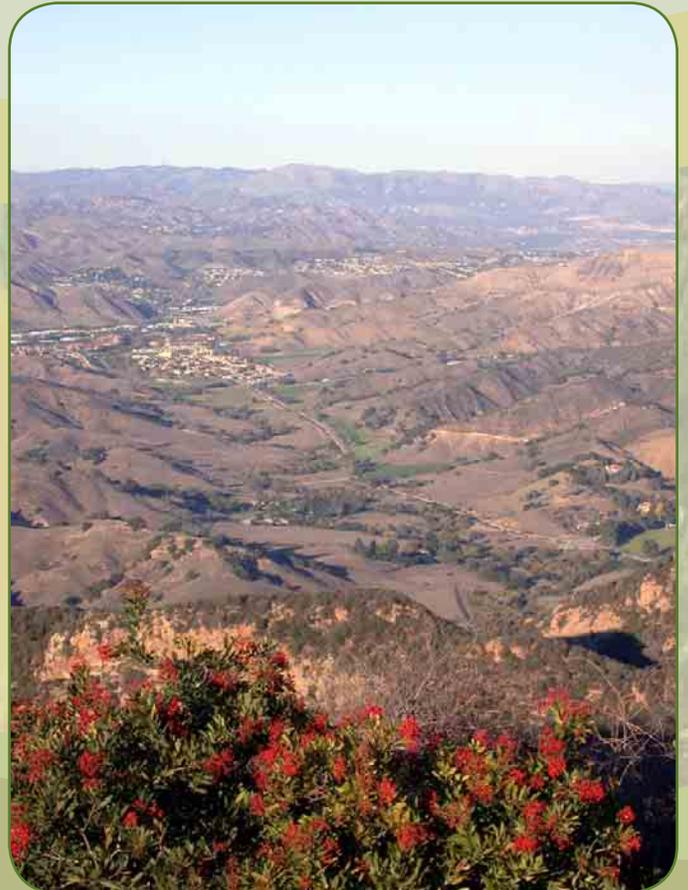
- Important plant communities such as valley oak woodland, riparian woodlands, and coastal sage scrub;
- Special-status species including mountain lions, golden eagles, and Santa Susana tarweed;
- Culturally significant areas (e.g., Mott Adobe, Sepulveda Adobe, White Oak Farm, Century Lake, and M*A*S*H* television show set location);
- Natural preserves (Udell, Kaslow, and Liberty Canyon);
- Hiking, equestrian, and mountain biking trails; and
- High-use recreational areas (e.g., Tapia Park, Rock Pool, and Chaparral trail).

Some topics that will be considered in the General Plan process include:

- Improved recreational access, including trail management and access to water;
- Expansion of recreational facilities (e.g., the equestrian camp and group camp at Tapia Park);
- Development of interpretive and educational facilities, particularly at key historical sites;

- Protection and long-term management of sensitive natural and cultural resource areas;
- Property acquisition to form contiguous management tracts;
- Improved inter-agency coordination;
- Management of filming activities within the park;
- Increased park staffing; and
- Relocation of main entrance and visitor center.

These are just some of the topics we'll be exploring during the planning process. We hope to hear more suggestions from you. Along with the General Plan, we will produce an Environmental Impact Report to analyze the consequences of various management strategies and alternatives. If you have specific suggestions, concerns or knowledge about the park's ecosystems and resources, please let us know.





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Calendar of Events

GENERAL PLAN PROCESS AT A GLANCE

FALL 2002	WINTER 2003	SPRING/SUMMER 2003	FALL 2003	SPRING 2004
Information Gathering Fieldwork	Fieldwork Summarize Existing Conditions PUBLIC PLANNING WORKSHOP #1	Discuss Opportunities & Constraints Develop Plan Alternatives PUBLIC PLANNING WORKSHOP#2 Draft Plan Preparation	PUBLIC PLANNING WORKSHOP #3 Public Review of Draft Plan & EIR	Distribute Final Plan & EIR Agency Approvals

PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY TO A GREAT PLAN!

If you are not currently on our mailing list and would like to receive the planning update and notice about future workshops, or wish to send written comments, please contact us at:

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